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AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE STREAMLINING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 22a-342 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- The commissioner [shall] may establish, along any tidal or inland
- 4 waterway or flood-prone area considered for stream clearance, channel
- 5 improvement or any form of flood control or flood alleviation
- 6 measure, lines beyond which, in the direction of the waterway or
- 7 flood-prone area, no obstruction, encroachment or hindrance shall be
- 8 placed by any person, and no such obstruction, encroachment or
- 9 hindrance shall be maintained by any person unless authorized by said
- 10 commissioner. The commissioner shall issue or deny permits upon
- 11 applications for establishing such encroachments based upon his
- 12 findings of the effect of such proposed encroachments upon the flood-
- 13 carrying and water storage capacity of the waterways and flood plains,
- 14 flood heights, hazards to life and property, and the protection and

15 preservation of the natural resources and ecosystems of the state, 16 including but not limited to ground and surface water, animal, plant 17 and aquatic life, nutrient exchange, and energy flow, with due 18 consideration given to the results of similar encroachments constructed 19 along the reach of waterway. Each application for a permit shall be 20 accompanied by a fee as follows: (1) No change in grades and no 21 construction of above-ground structures, four hundred seventy 22 dollars; (2) a change in grade and no construction of above-ground 23 structures, nine hundred forty dollars; and (3) a change in grade and 24 above-ground structures or buildings, four thousand dollars.

- Sec. 2. Section 22a-6 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (l) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- 27 (NEW) (I) Notwithstanding any provision of this title, for any 28 required newspaper publication of public notice concerning a tentative 29 determination on a permit, the Commissioner of Energy and 30 Environmental Protection may provide such public notice on the 31 Internet web site of the Department of Energy and Environmental 32 Protection provided: (1) Such public notice shall remain posted on 33 such Internet web site for the duration of the entire applicable public 34 notice period, and (2) the applicable date and time and nature of the 35 opportunity for public participation shall concomitantly be published 36 with a minimum one-sixteenth page advertisement in a newspaper 37 having a general circulation in the area affected. Such advertisement 38 shall include the Internet web site address where the details of the 39 public notification can be ascertained.
- Sec. 3. Section 22a-155 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- (a) [In any proceeding under sections 22a-151 to 22a-158, inclusive, or any other applicable statute (1) for the issuance or modification of rules and regulations relating to control of sources of ionizing radiation; or (2) for granting, suspending, revoking or amending any license; or (3) for determining compliance with or granting exceptions

47 from rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Energy and 48 Environmental Protection, the commissioner or his representative 49 designated in writing shall hold a hearing upon the request of any 50 person whose interest may be affected by the proceeding, and shall admit any such person as a party to such proceeding. Thirty days 51 52 published notice shall be given of any such hearing.] The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may issue, 53 54 modify or revoke any order to correct or abate any violation of sections 22a-148 to 22a-158, inclusive, as amended by this act, including any 55 56 license issued pursuant to said sections and any regulation adopted 57 pursuant to said sections. Any such order may include remedial 58 measures that are necessary to correct or abate such violations.

- 59 (b) [Any final order entered in any proceeding under subsection (a) 60 of this section shall be subject to judicial review by the Superior Court 61 in the manner prescribed in section 25-36.] Any order issued pursuant 62 to subsection (a) of this section shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by service by a state marshal or indifferent 63 64 person. If a state marshal or indifferent person serves such order, a 65 true copy of such order shall be served, and the original, with a return of such service endorsed thereon, shall be filed with the commissioner. 66 Such order shall be deemed to be issued on the date of service or on 67 68 the date such order is deposited in the mail, as applicable. Any order issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall state the basis on 69 70 which such order is issued and shall specify a reasonable time for compliance.
- 72 (c) Any order issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall 73 be final unless a person aggrieved by such order files a written request 74 for a hearing before the commissioner not later than thirty days after 75 the date of issuance of such order. Upon the receipt of any such 76 request for a hearing, the commissioner shall hold a hearing as soon as 77 practicable thereafter. After any such hearing, the commissioner shall 78 consider all supporting and rebutting evidence and affirm, modify or 79 revoke such order in the commissioner's discretion and shall so notify 80 the recipient of the order by certified mail, return receipt requested, of

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- 81 the commissioner's determination.
- 82 (d) The commissioner may, after a hearing held pursuant to
- 83 <u>subsection (c) of this section, or at any time after the issuance of an</u>
- order pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, modify such order or
- 85 extend the time for compliance with such order, provided the
- 86 <u>commissioner determines such modification or extension is advisable</u>
- 87 or necessary. Any such modification or extension shall be deemed to
- be a revision of the existing order and shall not constitute a new order.
- 89 No person may request a hearing pursuant to subsection (c) of this
- 90 <u>section or take appeal to the Superior Court pursuant to subsection (e)</u>
- 91 of this section on such modification or extension.
- 92 (e) Any person aggrieved by a final order of the commissioner
- 93 issued pursuant to this section may appeal such order to the superior
- 94 court for the judicial district of New Britain in accordance with the
- 95 provisions of section 4-183.
- 96 Sec. 4. Section 22a-157 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- No person shall use, manufacture, produce, transport, transfer,
- 99 receive, acquire, own or possess any source of ionizing radiation,
- unless exempt, licensed or registered in accordance with the provisions
- 101 of sections [22a-151] <u>22a-148</u> to 22a-158, inclusive, as amended by this
- 102 act.
- Sec. 5. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2013) The Commissioner of
- 104 Energy and Environmental Protection may issue a cease and desist
- order in accordance with section 22a-7 of the general statutes for any
- violation of sections 22a-148 to 22a-158, inclusive, of the general
- statutes, as amended by this act, and may suspend or revoke any
- registration issued by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-148 or
- 109 22a-150 of the general statutes, upon a showing of cause after a hearing
- 110 held in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes.
- 111 Sec. 6. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2013) (a) Whenever, in the

112 judgment of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental 113 Protection, any person has engaged in or is about to engage in any act, 114 practice or omission that constitutes, or will constitute, a violation of 115 any provision of chapter 446a of the general statutes, or any regulation 116 adopted or order issued pursuant to chapter 446a of the general 117 statutes, the Attorney General may, at the request of the commissioner, 118 bring an action in the superior court for the judicial district of New 119 Britain for an order enjoining such act, practice or omission. Such order 120 may require remedial measures and direct compliance. Upon a 121 showing by the commissioner that such person has engaged in or is 122 about to engage in any such act, practice or omission, the court may 123 issue a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order or other 124 order, as appropriate.

(b) Any action brought by the Attorney General pursuant to this section shall have precedence in the order of trial as provided in section 52-191 of the general statutes.

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- 128 Sec. 7. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2013) (a) Any person who, with 129 criminal negligence, violates any provision of chapter 446a of the 130 general statutes, including, but not limited to, any regulation, license 131 or order adopted or issued pursuant to chapter 446a of the general 132 statutes, or who, with criminal negligence, makes any false statement, 133 representation or certification in any application, registration, 134 notification or other document filed or required to be maintained 135 pursuant to said chapter, shall be fined not more than twenty-five 136 thousand dollars per day for each day of violation or be imprisoned 137 not more than one year, or both. A subsequent conviction for any such 138 violation shall carry a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars per 139 day for each day of violation or imprisonment for not more than two 140 years, or both.
- (b) Any person who knowingly makes any false statement, 142 representation or certification in any application, registration, 143 notification or other document filed or required to be maintained 144 pursuant to chapter 446a of the general statutes shall be fined not more

than fifty thousand dollars per day for each day of violation or be

- 146 imprisoned not more than three years, or both. A subsequent
- 147 conviction for any such violation shall carry a fine of not more than
- 148 fifty thousand dollars per day for each day of violation or
- imprisonment for not more than ten years, or both.
- 150 Sec. 8. Section 14-164h of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):
- 152 [(a)] The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall report to the joint
- 153 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 154 matters relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles, concerning the
- operation of the motor vehicle emissions inspection program, not later
- than the fifteenth business day of each month. The report shall include,
- but not be limited to, the following information: Compliance records,
- 158 the number of vehicles passing and failing emissions inspections, the
- 159 number of vehicles receiving waivers from compliance with emission
- 160 standards, the number of vehicles inspected at each station, any
- 161 information provided by the independent contractor to the
- 162 Department of Motor Vehicles, enforcement proceedings employed
- against those who fail to comply with exhaust emission standards, and
- any problems concerning the operation of the program.
- 165 [(b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
- shall report to said committee concerning (1) emissions reductions
- resulting from the operation of the inspection program, not later than
- 168 the fifteenth business day of January, April, July and October,
- annually, and (2) air quality in the state, not later than the first day of
- 170 September, annually.]
- 171 Sec. 9. Section 22a-134q of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- 173 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
- 174 compile an inventory of contaminated wells and leaking underground
- storage tanks known to him. [and shall submit such inventory to the
- joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance

of matters relating to the environment not later than February 1, 1990,

- and annually thereafter.] As used in this section, "contaminated well"
- 179 means any well that exceeds maximum levels for substances
- 180 established in the Public Health Code or action levels determined
- 181 jointly by the Commissioners of Public Health and Energy and
- 182 Environmental Protection.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 51-344a of the general statutes is
- 184 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 185 *October* 1, 2013):
- 186 (a) Whenever the term "judicial district of Hartford-New Britain" or
- 187 "judicial district of Hartford-New Britain at Hartford" is used or
- referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, it shall be
- deemed to mean or refer to the judicial district of Hartford on and after
- 190 September 1, 1998: Sections 1-205, 1-206, 2-48, 3-21a, 3-62d, 3-70a, 3-
- 191 71a, 4-61, 4-160, 4-164, 4-177b, 4-180, 4-183, 4-197, 5-202, 5-276a, 8-30g,
- 192 9-7a, 9-7b, 9-369b, 10-153e, 12-208, 12-237, 12-268l, 12-312, 12-330m, 12-
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- 198 20-29, 20-40, 20-45, 20-59, 20-73a, 20-86f, 20-99, 20-114, 20-133, 20-154,
- 199 20-156, 20-162p, 20-192, 20-195p, 20-202, 20-206c, 20-227, 20-238, 20-247,
- 200 20-263, 20-271, 20-307, 20-341f, 20-363, 20-373, 20-404, 20-414, 21a-55,
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- 204 22a-220a, 22a-220d, 22a-225, 22a-226, 22a-226c, 22a-227, 22a-250, 22a-
- 205 255*l*, 22a-276, 22a-285a, 22a-285g, 22a-285j, 22a-310, 22a-342a, 22a-344,
- 206 as amended by this act, 22a-361a, 22a-374, 22a-376, 22a-408, 22a-430,
- 207 22a-432, 22a-438, 22a-449f, 22a-449g, 22a-459, 23-5e, 23-65m, 25-32e, 25-
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- 210 35-42, 36a-186, 36a-187, 36a-471a, 36a-494, 36a-587, 36a-647, 36a-684,

- 211 36a-718, 36a-807, 36b-26, 36b-27, 36b-30, 36b-50, 36b-71, 36b-72, 36b-74,
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- 213 185, 38a-209, 38a-225, 38a-226b, 38a-241, 38a-337, 38a-470, 38a-620, 38a-
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- 215 994, 42-103c, 42-110d, 42-110k, 42-110p, 42-182, 46a-5, 46a-56, 46a-100,
- 216 47a-21, 49-73, 51-44a, 51-81b, 51-194, 52-146j, 53-392d and 54-211a.
- Sec. 11. Section 22a-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- The commissioner shall act as the official agent of the state in all
- 220 matters affecting the purposes of this title and sections 2-20a, 5-238a,
- subsection (c) of section 7-131a, sections 7-131e, 7-131f, subsection (a)
- of section 7-131g, sections 7-131i, 7-131l, subsection (a) of section 10-
- 223 409, subdivisions (51) and (52) of section 12-81, subdivisions (21) and
- 224 (22) of section 12-412, subsections (a) and (b) of section 13a-94, sections
- 225 13a-142a, 13b-56, 13b-57, 14-100b, 14-164c, chapter 268, sections 16a-
- 226 103, 22-91c, 22-91e, subsections (b) and (c) of section 22a-148, section
- 227 22a-150, subdivisions (2) and (3) of section 22a-151, sections 22a-153,
- 228 22a-154, 22a-155, <u>as amended by this act</u>, [22a-156,] 22a-158, chapter
- 229 446c, sections 22a-295, 22a-300, 22a-308, 22a-416, chapters 446h to 446k,
- 230 inclusive, chapters 447 and 448, sections 23-35, 23-37a, 23-41, chapter
- 231 462, section 25-34, chapter 477, subsection (b) of section 25-128,
- subsection (a) of section 25-131, chapters 490 and 491 and sections 26-232 257, 26-297, 26-303 and 47-46a, under any federal laws now or
- hereafter to be enacted and as the official agent of any municipality,
- 235 district, region or authority or other recognized legal entity in
- 235 district, region of authority of other recognized legal entity in
- connection with the grant or advance of any federal or other funds or
- credits to the state or through the state, to its political subdivisions.
- Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 22a-2d of the general statutes is
- 239 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 240 October 1, 2013):
- 241 (c) Wherever the words "Commissioner of Environmental
- 242 Protection" are used or referred to in the following sections of the

243 statutes, the words "Commissioner of Energy 244 Environmental Protection" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 3-7, 3-245 100, 4-5, 4-168, 4a-57, 4a-67d, 4b-15a, 4b-21, 5-238a, 7-121d, 7-131, 7-246 131a, 7-131d, 7-131e, 7-131f, 7-131g, 7-131i, 7-131l, 7-131t, 7-131u, 7-247 136h, 7-137c, 7-147, 7-151a, 7-151b, 7-245, 7-246, 7-246f, 7-247, 7-249a, 7-248 3230, 7-374, 7-487, 8-336f, 10-231b, 10-231c, 10-231d, 10-231g, 10-382, 249 10-388, 10-389, 10-391, 12-81, 12-81r, 12-107d, 12-217mm, 12-263m, 12-250 407, 12-412, 13a-80i, 13a-94, 13a-142a, 13a-142b, 13a-142e, 13a-175j, 13b-251 11a, 13b-38x, 13b-51, 13b-56, 13b-57, 13b-329, 14-21e, 14-21i, 14-21s, 14-252 65a, 14-67l, 14-80a, 14-100b, 14-164c, 14-164h, as amended by this act, 253 14-164i, 14-164k, 14-164o, 15-11a, 15-121, 15-125, 15-127, 15-130, 15-254 133a, 15-133c, 15-140a, 15-140c, 15-140d, 15-140e, 15-140f, 15-140j, 15-255 140o, 15-140u, 15-140v, 15-141, 15-142, 15-143, 15-144, 15-145, 15-149a, 256 15-149b, 15-150a, 15-151, 15-154, 15-154a, 15-155, 15-155d, 15-156, 15-257 174, 16-2, 16-11a, 16-19e, 16-19g, 16-50c, 16-50d, 16-50j, 16-261a, 16a-3, 258 16a-21a, 16a-27, 16a-35h, 16a-38k, 16a-103, 16a-106, 19a-35a, 19a-47, 259 19a-102a, 19a-330, 19a-341, 21-84b, 22-6c, 22-11h, 22-26cc, 22-81a, 22-260 91c, 22-350a, 22-358, 22a-1g, 22a-2a, 22a-5b, 22a-5c, 22a-6, as amended 261 by this act, 22a-6a, 22a-6b, 22a-6e, 22a-6f, 22a-6g, 22a-6h, 22a-6i, 22a-6j, 262 22a-6k, 22a-6l, 22a-6m, 22a-6n, 22a-6p, 22a-6s, 22a-6u, 22a-6v, 22a-6w, 263 22a-6y, 22a-6z, 22a-6aa, 22a-6bb, 22a-6cc, 22a-7a, 22a-7b, 22a-8a, 22a-10, 264 22a-13, 22a-16a, 22a-21, 22a-21b, 22a-21c, 22a-21d, 22a-21h, 22a-21j, 22a-265 22, 22a-25, 22a-26, 22a-27, 22a-27f, 22a-27l, 22a-27p, 22a-27r, 22a-27s, 22a-27t, 22a-27u, 22a-27v, 22a-27w, 22a-29, 22a-35a, 22a-38, 22a-42a, 266 267 22a-44, 22a-45a, 22a-45b, 22a-45c, 22a-45d, 22a-47, 22a-54, 22a-54a, 22a-268 56a, 22a-66a, 22a-66c, 22a-66j, 22a-66k, 22a-66l, 22a-66y, 22a-66z, 22a-68, 269 22a-93, 22a-106a, 22a-109, 22a-113n, 22a-113t, 22a-114, 22a-115, 22a-118, 270 22a-122, 22a-133a, 22a-133b, 22a-133k, 22a-133l, 22a-133m, 22a-133n, 271 22a-133u, 22a-133v, 22a-133y, 22a-133z, 22a-133aa, 22a-272 133bb, 22a-133ee, 22a-134, 22a-134e, 22a-134f, 22a-134g, 22a-134h, 22a-273 134i, 22a-134k, 22a-134l, 22a-134m, 22a-134n, 22a-134p, 22a-134s, 22a-274 135, 22a-136, 22a-137, 22a-148, 22a-149, 22a-150, 22a-151, 22a-153, 22a-275 154, 22a-155, as amended by this act, [22a-156,] 22a-158, 22a-160, 22a-276 162, 22a-170, 22a-171, 22a-173, 22a-174c, 22a-174d, 22a-174e, 22a-174f, 277 22a-174g, 22a-174h, 22a-174i, 22a-174j, 22a-174k, 22a-174l, 22a-174m,

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- 330 473a, 53-190, 53a-44a, 53a-54b and 53a-217e.
- Sec. 13. Section 22a-344 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- 333 (a) The commissioner or a hearing examiner, designated by him,
- 334 shall hold a public hearing to review the proposed encroachment lines
- along any waterway or flood-prone area prepared in accordance with
- 336 section 22a-343 with due consideration of the equities involved. Notice
- of such hearing shall be given by mail to all property owners known to
- 338 be affected by the proposed lines and shall be published three times in
- a newspaper having a general circulation in the area involved. The commissioner shall take appropriate steps to inform the public and the
- interested property owners of the proposals by making suitable maps
- available in the office of the town clerk of the town wherein the
- 343 property is located for inspection, study and discussion. After
- 344 consideration of all testimony and pertinent facts at his disposal and
- 345 with due regard for the public interest and the rights of respective
- 346 property owners, the commissioner may approve the location of the

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347 lines as proposed or as modified and thereupon shall establish such 348 lines by order. Such order shall be recorded with appropriate maps 349 with the town clerks of the respective towns involved. Notice of such 350 order establishing or altering such line or lines shall be mailed to all 351 persons known to be affected thereby and shall be published three 352 times in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area involved. 353 Any person aggrieved by any order of the commissioner as to the 354 location of such line may appeal therefrom, in accordance with the 355 provisions of section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in the 356 judicial district of New Britain.

357 (b) Any order of the commissioner that established encroachment 358 lines on or before October 1, 2013, shall be deemed to be revoked.

Sec. 14. Sections 22a-156, 22a-166 and 22a-167 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2013*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following				
sections:				
Section 1	October 1, 2013	22a-342		
Sec. 2	October 1, 2013	22a-6		
Sec. 3	October 1, 2013	22a-155		
Sec. 4	October 1, 2013	22a-157		
Sec. 5	October 1, 2013	New section		
Sec. 6	October 1, 2013	New section		
Sec. 7	October 1, 2013	New section		
Sec. 8	July 1, 2013	14-164h		
Sec. 9	October 1, 2013	22a-134q		
Sec. 10	October 1, 2013	51-344a(a)		
Sec. 11	October 1, 2013	22a-9		
Sec. 12	October 1, 2013	22a-2d(c)		
Sec. 13	October 1, 2013	22a-344		
Sec. 14	October 1, 2013	Repealer section		

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Correction, Dept.; Judicial Dept.	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below
(Probation)	Cost		
Judicial Dept.	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below
_	Revenue Gain		

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to post certain notices of tentative determination on the agency's website, as opposed to publishing the notices in the newspaper.

In FY 12, DEEP incurred costs of approximately \$215,000 for publishing 290 various types of notices in newspapers. The agency is reimbursed for their costs by the applicant. This, however, does not result in a savings to the DEEP as they are reimbursed by the applicant.

The bill also creates new offenses regarding the management of radioactive materials. To the extent that offenders are prosecuted for new or expanded offenses under this bill, potential costs for incarceration or probation supervision in the community, or judicial revenue would result. On average, it costs the agency \$6,050 (including benefits) to supervise an inmate in the community as opposed to \$50,690 (including benefits) to incarcerate an offender.

Senate "A" revokes any order of the DEEP commissioner

establishing stream channel encroachment lines, which is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

Senate "B" removes the provision that the commissioner prepare certain lists. This also does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1019 (File 444, as amended by Senate "A" and "B")*

AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE STREAMLINING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

SUMMARY:

This bill expands the scope of the law governing radiation and radioactive material. It allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to (1) issue, modify, or revoke orders to correct violations of these laws and specifies notice, hearing, and appeal requirements and (2) issue cease and desist orders and suspend registrations. The bill broadens his ability to seek an injunction. It establishes penalties for certain violations and false statements.

The bill makes other changes in the environmental laws. It:

- 1. allows the public notice of certain notices of tentative determination to be posted on DEEP's website, instead of in newspapers;
- 2. allows, rather than requires, the DEEP commissioner to establish lines to restrict activity along certain tidal or inland waterways or flood-prone areas without authorization, and revokes any order establishing such lines;
- 3. eliminates the requirement that the DEEP commissioner annually submit an inventory of known contaminated wells and leaking underground storage tanks to the Environment Committee; and
- 4. repeals the Mid-Atlantic States Air Pollution Control Compact.

The bill eliminates two DEEP reporting requirements on (1) emissions reductions from the state's motor vehicle emissions inspections program and (2) air quality.

It also makes technical and conforming changes.

*Senate Amendment "A" revokes any order of the DEEP commissioner establishing stream channel encroachment lines on or before October 1, 2013.

*Senate Amendment "B" removes the provision that eliminated the requirement for the commissioner to prepare, annually amend, and make publicly available a list of certain inland wetlands general permit holders.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013, except the provisions removing the emissions and air quality report requirements takes effect July 1, 2013.

§§ 4-7 & 11-13 — RADIATION AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS Prohibited Acts

The law prohibits anyone from using, manufacturing, producing, transporting, transferring, receiving, acquiring, owning, or possessing any ionizing radiation source (e.g., an x-ray machine) unless exempt, licensed, or registered. The bill makes a minor change to specify that registration is pursuant to the radiation and radioactive material laws.

Eliminated Hearing Requirement

The bill removes a requirement that the DEEP commissioner hold a hearing, subject to judicial review, at the request of anyone whose interests may be affected, in proceedings for (1) issuing or modifying rules and regulations on control of ionizing radiation sources; (2) granting, suspending, revoking, or amending a license; and (3) determining compliance with, or granting exceptions from, DEEP rules and regulations.

Orders to Abate or Correct Violations, Service, and Hearing Procedure

The bill authorizes the DEEP commissioner to issue, modify, or revoke any order to correct or abate violations of certain provisions of the radiation and radioactive material law and any regulation or license issued under them. The order may include necessary remedial measures.

The bill requires any such order to be served by (1) certified mail, return receipt requested; (2) a state marshal; or (3) an indifferent person. If a state marshal or indifferent person serves the order, the original, with an endorsed return of service, must be filed with the commissioner. The order is deemed issued upon service or deposit in the mail. Any order must state why it was issued and specify a reasonable time for compliance.

An issued order is final unless a person aggrieved by it files a written request for a hearing within 30 days after its issuance. The commissioner must then hold a hearing as soon as practicable. After the hearing, the commissioner must consider all the evidence and may affirm, modify, or revoke his order. He must notify the order recipient of his decision by certified mail, return receipt requested. The commissioner may extend the time for complying with an order if he believes it advisable or necessary. A modification or extension is a revision of an existing order and not a new order. There can be no hearing or appeal from it.

The bill allows anyone aggrieved by the commissioner's final order to appeal to New Britain Superior Court.

Cease and Desist Orders and Registration Revocation or Suspension

The bill also allows the DEEP commissioner to (1) issue a cease and desist order for certain violations of the radiation and radioactive material law and (2) upon a showing of cause and, after a hearing, suspend or revoke a registration.

By law, the commissioner can issue a cease and desist order when he finds that a person is causing, engaging in, maintaining, or about to cause, engage in, or maintain, a condition or activity that is likely to or will result in imminent and substantial damage to the environment or public health (CGS § 22a-7). The law requires a person receiving such an order to immediately comply with it. A hearing must be held within 10 days of the order's receipt. The law subjects violators of such an order to a civil fine of up to \$25,000 for each day a violation continues (CGS § 22a-6b).

Attorney General's Authority

The bill expands the DEEP commissioner's authority to seek an injunction.

Under current law, when he believes anyone has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice that violates certain laws, rules, regulations, or orders pertaining to radioactive material or radiation sources, he may ask the attorney general to seek an order (1) enjoining the act or practice or (2) directing compliance with the law, rule, regulation, or order. The court may issue a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate order.

The bill repeals this provision and replaces it with a broader one that covers any act, practice, or omission that violates the radiation and radioactive material laws, including the registration requirements not covered by current law, and any regulation or order issued under these laws. It specifies that the attorney general bring the action for injunctive relief in New Britain Superior Court. It also allows any court order to require remedial measures. The bill requires that such actions take precedence over other actions in the order of trial.

Penalties for Criminally Negligent Violation

The bill subjects anyone who, with criminal negligence, violates these laws, regulations, orders, or licenses to a penalty of up to \$25,000 for each day of violation, up to one year in prison, or both. A subsequent conviction is punishable by a fine of up to \$50,000 for each

day of violation, up to two years in prison, or both.

By law, a person acts with "criminal negligence" with respect to a result or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he fails to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the result will occur or that the circumstance exists. The risk must be of such a nature and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation (CGS § 53a-3).

The law already subjects anyone who fails to file a registration to a civil fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation and an additional \$100 for each day a violation continues (CGS § 22a-6b).

Penalties for False Statements

The bill subjects anyone who, with criminal negligence, makes a false statement, representation, or certification in any application, registration, notification, or other document filed or required to be maintained, to a penalty of up to \$25,000 for each day of violation, up to one year in prison, or both. A subsequent conviction is punishable by a fine of up to \$50,000 for each day of violation, up to two years in prison, or both.

It subjects anyone who knowingly makes a false statement, representation, or certification in any application, registration, notification, or other document filed or required to be maintained, to a penalty of up to \$50,000 for each day of violation, up to three years in prison, or both. A subsequent conviction is punishable by a fine of up to \$50,000 for each day of violation, up to 10 years in prison, or both.

The law prohibits anyone from intentionally making a false written statement, under oath or on a form with a notice that a false statement is punishable, if he or she (1) does not believe the statement is true and (2) intends to mislead a public servant. A violation is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, up to one year in prison, or both (CGS § 53a-157b).

§ 2 — PUBLIC NOTICE

The bill allows the DEEP commissioner to provide the public notice for any notice of tentative determination (DEEP's recommended action) for a permit that requires newspaper publication on DEEP's website. He may do so if the (1) public notice is posted on the website during the entire public notice period and (2) date, time, and nature of opportunity for public participation is published at the same time in an advertisement in a newspaper with general circulation in the affected area. (The bill does not specify how often the newspaper advertisement must be published. Presumably, it would run once.) The advertisement must be at least 1/16 of a page and include the website address where the public notice details can be learned.

§§ 1 & 14 — STREAM CHANNEL ENCROACHMENT LINES

The bill allows, rather than requires, the DEEP commissioner to establish along certain tidal or inland waterways or flood-prone areas, boundary lines beyond which no one may place an encroachment, hindrance, or obstruction without authorization. By law, these lines must be established by order of the commissioner. The bill specifies that any such order establishing these lines on or before October 1, 2013 is deemed revoked.

The law requires the commissioner to evaluate whether to issue or deny a permit to place an encroachment, hindrance, or obstruction beyond these lines based on the activity's impact on flood-carrying and water storage capacity of the waterways and flood plains, hazards to life and property, and flood levels, among other things. By eliminating the established lines and making the commissioner's authority to establish such lines permissive rather than mandatory, the bill eliminates the current related permitting program.

§§ 8 & 9 — REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Emissions Inspection Program

The bill eliminates two reports the DEEP commissioner must make to the Transportation Committee related to the Department of Motor

Vehicles' motor vehicle emissions inspection program. It removes a quarterly report on emissions reductions resulting from the program and an annual report on air quality in Connecticut.

Contaminated Wells and Leaking Underground Storage Tank Inventory

By law, the DEEP commissioner must compile an inventory of known contaminated wells and leaking underground storage tanks. The bill removes a requirement that he annually submit the inventory to the Environment Committee.

§ 13 — AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMPACT

The bill repeals the Mid-Atlantic States Air Pollution Control Compact, an interstate compact authorized in 1967 to create a commission for addressing interstate air pollution problems. The compact was not implemented.

BACKGROUND

Radioactive Material and Ionizing Radiation

By law, "radioactive materials" include any solid, liquid, or gas that spontaneously emits ionizing radiation. "Ionizing radiation" includes gamma rays, x-rays, alpha and beta particles, neutrons, protons, high-speed electrons, and other atomic or nuclear particles, but not sound, radio, or light waves.

Federal Nuclear Regulation

Under federal law, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is responsible for regulating nuclear power plants; uses of nuclear material, such as in nuclear medicine; and nuclear waste.

Legislative History

The House rejected Senate Amendment "C" (LCO 6838) which requires DEEP and the departments of Economic and Community Development and Public Health to jointly establish procedures to abate the fine or penalty assessed on a business for a first time violation of a noncriminal regulation if remedial action is taken within

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30 days of the assessment.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/25/2013)

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 40 Nay 2 (05/01/2013)